



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/699,667 Confirmation No. 8852  
Applicant : Perreault et al.  
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Examiner : Jane Zara

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

**OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE**

This letter is filed in response to the Office Action of April 8, 2005.

A separate petition for a four-month extension of time is being filed herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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